



# New Castle Crier

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## City Council Budget Workshop Sessions Scheduled

The City Council will meet in several special meetings to discuss the 2012/13 City Budget. All meetings begin at 6 p.m. and take place on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall building, unless otherwise noted.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

### Wednesday, May 16

Budgets considered:

- Senior Center
- Mayor; •Board of Adjustment
- Separation Day
- Board of Health
- City Council
- Administration
- Finance & Human Resources

### Wednesday, May 23

Budgets considered:

- Public Services
- Trustee Appropriations
- Building Maintenance

### Tuesday, May 29

Budgets considered:

- Public Safety (Grants included)
- Professional Services

A meeting for full budget review will be scheduled in June.

## EPA Lead Program aimed at child protection

The EPA Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Program Rule (RRP) is a program aimed at protecting children against the hazards associated with disturbing lead-based paint during renovation, repair and painting activities. This program calls for workers to be trained by an EPA Accredited Training Provider to use lead-safe work practices and requires companies to be EPA-certified.

The rule applies to renovations performed for compensation in pre-1978 residential housing and/or child-occupied facilities. Child occupied facilities are defined as any pre-1978 residential, commercial or public facility where children under the age of six are regularly present (i.e. elementary schools, day care centers, pediatric hospital wards, etc.). Under the rule there are other obligations which Certified

Firms must perform. The rule also requires that consumers be given an EPA publication on lead-safe work practices, entitled "Renovate Right."

The rule covers any person who performs renovation for compensation, including: construction and renovation contractors, window replacement contractors, electricians, plumbers, painters, and other specialty contractors, property managers and their staff, handymen and the rule also applies to landlords who perform repairs themselves (rent is considered to be compensation). Homeowners doing work on their personal residence are not covered by the rule.

To learn about the RRP go to: [www.epa.gov/getleadsafe](http://www.epa.gov/getleadsafe). Additional information is also available at [www.epa.gov/lead](http://www.epa.gov/lead) or from the National Lead Info. Center at 1-800-424-LEAD.

The next regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., May 8 at Town Hall

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED**  
 with *No Trash Pickup*  
**Memorial Day Holiday**  
**Monday, May 28**  
 Revised Trash Pickup Schedule

Orig. Pickup	Rev. Pickup
Mon., 5/28	Tues. 5/29
Tues., 5/29	Wed. 5/30

**Apply now for property tax exemptions**

Applications are now being accepted for the Over 65 or Disability property tax exemption. To make an appointment, at the convenience of the taxpayer, call Marian Delaney at 322-9811.

The maximum yearly income requirements are \$15,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple. Social Security income is not counted toward the maximum. The last day to apply is June 15th.

## New Castle – The First Capital City!

The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!

## Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps maintain and improve the quality of life of New Castle City residents by administering an unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of City zoning, property maintenance and building codes. This includes working with residents, neighborhoods, public service agencies and other City offices.

Complaint forms are available at the City offices or on the City Web site at: [NewCastleCity.Delaware.gov](http://NewCastleCity.Delaware.gov). To reach the Code Enforcement Officer, call 323-6081.

Complaints are handled on a confidential basis. If feedback and/or updates are requested, however, a name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.

### *This month's highlights and general reminders*

- Citizens are reminded to keep grass cut on a regular basis and to keep exterior areas neat and clean.
- No vehicles or trailers are allowed on front lawn areas. Please keep sidewalks clear for pedestrians.
- Keep animal waste cleaned up daily and remove uneaten food to help prevent rodents.



**Clarification:** The above graphic more closely resembles the nutria rodent, compared to what was included with the article in last month's newsletter.

## May Events

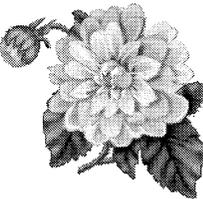
May 4 & 5, 9 a.m., Fri. 'til 6 & Sat. 'til 4  
On the Green and in the Christian Education Building  
at the Presbyterian Church, 25 East Second Street

### ◉ Annual May Market ◉

Presented by the Arasapha Garden Club

Sale of flowers, herbs, hanging baskets, baked goods, raffle of a May Market Print by Linda Merry, white elephant sale including used books and jewelry and a kids' corner for young visitors.

[www.arasapha.org](http://www.arasapha.org)



Wednesday, May 9, 7 p.m.

Immanuel Episcopal Church Parish House  
at The Strand and Harmony Street

### ◉ Thomas Holcomb and the Making of the Modern Marine Corps ◉

Presented by the New Castle Historical Society, in partnership with the Delaware Military Heritage and Education Foundation

Author David Ulbrich, PhD, will present a lecture on New Castle's General Thomas Holcomb, Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps from 1936 to 1943

\$5 admission includes lecture, reception and book signing  
322-2794 • [www.newcastlehistory.org](http://www.newcastlehistory.org)

Please, be kind to our collectors

## How heavy is your trash?

City Code limits each container of trash to be a maximum of 50 pounds. When placing trash out, when possible distribute weight so no one container has many heavy items (i.e. kitty litter, etc.).

### *New! "Films at the Farm" series*

Historic Penn Farm and the Greater New Castle Community Wellness Initiative have joined up to present the "Films at the Farm" series. With warm summer evenings on the way and the beautiful backdrop of 112 acres of rolling farmland, you'll want to be sure to get on the email invitation list to this series of fun, 'pop-up' activities on the farm. Planning is underway for a number of weekend activities for all ages, including music and films (low-cost music tickets and suggested donations for films). Email notifications will be provided about a week in advance of each event.

In order to be connected, send your email address to: [HistoricPennFarm@gmail.com](mailto:HistoricPennFarm@gmail.com).

### New Castle Sailing Club Open House

May 19, 1:30 to 3:30, South End of Battery Park  
See historic New Castle from a truly unique view.  
Take a free sailboat ride! For more information, contact [membership@newcastlesailingclub.org](mailto:membership@newcastlesailingclub.org).

Friday, May 11, Doors Open 6 p.m., Games Start at 7  
◉ Vera Bradley/Longaberger Basket Bingo ◉

Presented by the Good Will Fire Co. Ladies' Auxiliary  
\$20 for 20 games with extra cards for sale.

Also available: sale snack bar, 50/50's and chance items.

Must be at least 18 years old.

For more information contact Colleen at 985-7429.

Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### ◉ A Day In Old New Castle ◉

Presented by the Immanuel Episcopal Church on the Green

The oldest home and garden tour in the U.S. Private homes, museums and gardens will be open. **New this year:** "Delaware during War of 1812" and tours of Historic Penn Farm and Historic Buttonwood School. Parking available at First Baptist Church (routes 141 & 273).

Adults \$20 (\$15 before May 19), Children (7 to 12) \$5  
[www.dayinoldnewcastle.org](http://www.dayinoldnewcastle.org) • 877-496-9498

### ◉ June Events Preview ◉

Separation Day, Saturday, June 9

Summer Concerts Return to Battery Park!

Wed., June 20, Newark Community Band

Wed., June 27, April Mae and the June Bugs

See the "Upcoming Events" section on the City Web site at [NewCastleCity.Delaware.gov](http://NewCastleCity.Delaware.gov) for details on more exciting events!